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Hotel Reservations for 1949 Convention

Canners are urged to forward to the Association the necessary forms requesting hotel accommodations for their firms and their brokers at the 1949 Canners Convention, in order that room reservations may be made and confirmed at an early date.

As announced last week, the Association has mailed to all member-canners instructions and forms which, when returned to N.C.A., will provide essential information for the assignment of rooms. Canners are to indicate their preferences for room reservations for their firms, and then either to request reservations direct from N.C.A. for their brokers or to submit lists of their brokers to whom the N.C.A. should forward hotel reservation request blanks.

Congressional actions are reported in this issue as up-to-date as possible. Because of the speed with which bills may be acted on during the press toward adjournment, some action may occur too late to be reported. Action on all bills now pending will be reported next week.

A report of the observations made on the operation of a sweet corn harvester in Texas on May 8, 9 and 10 by members of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Association's Raw Products Committee was mailed to all corn canners June 14. The report states that in the Committee's opinion a great deal of improvement has been made in the mechanical strength and efficiency of the harvester used in these tests. Further tests will be made this season.

It will be recalled that the work of the Technical Advisory Committee on the sweet corn harvester is being financed by contributions from corn canners. Canners who have not already made a contribution to this fund, and would like to do so, may send their checks to the Association office, made out to the National Canners Association Corn Harvester Fund.

Price Support Legislation

Although legislation to extend the Government's price support program after its scheduled termination date on December 31 has not been cleared by both houses of Congress, the House has rejected two proposals to require the Secretary of Agriculture to support the prices of vegetables and fruits.

The House on June 12 approved H. R. 6248, to extend price supports through June 30, 1950, but voted down amendments which would have required the support, first, of "vegetables and fruits," and secondly, of "citrus and dried fruits and raisins." The Secretary has been authorized under existing law to support the prices of these commodities subject to the availability of funds. Opponents argued that price supports for perishables are not practicable, and that the subject should be considered as part of the long-range agricultural program. Representative T. Millet Hand (N. J.) proposed that (See *Price Support Legislation*, page 240)

Farm Placement Bill Awaits Final Congressional Action

Legislation authorizing a revolving fund of \$2,500,000 to finance the recruitment and transportation of foreign agricultural workers by the United States Employment Service, was passed by the Senate on June 12, and was reported with amendments by the House Committee on Agriculture on June 16.

The bill, S. 2767, proposed by a USES advisory group, would place the recruitment of foreign workers on a government to government basis, and might reduce the recruitment and transportation costs of employing foreign workers through the maximum use of their services. Employers using the proposed recruitment and transportation service of USES would be required to reimburse the Federal gov- (See *Farm Placement Bill*, page 240)

Court Order Requires New Hearing on Oyster Standards

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has sent back the record in the oyster standard hearing to the Federal Security Administrator with a direction to take additional evidence within 30 days on the "process of packing blanched oysters." The Court also temporarily suspended the new oyster standards but *only as to petitioner*, a Seattle, Wash., oyster canner. While the new standards became effective on June 11 as to all other persons, it does not appear likely that the new standards will be extensively enforced until the Administrator has held a further hearing and made additional findings as directed by the Court. It

has been learned from the Federal Security Agency that the hearing will be held in Washington on July 7, and a notice of the hearing will be published in the *Federal Register*.

The petitioner in this case asked the Court on May 21, to suspend and set aside the new standards of identity and fill-of-container which went into effect on June 11, 1948. The canner also asked the Court to send the case back to the Administrator for the taking of additional evidence. He alleged that there was insufficient evidence to support the new standards and stated that since the oyster hearings in July, 1947, a new method of canning fresh oysters has been developed which is

entirely prohibited by new standards.

The Court's order, which was signed on June 8, provides that the Administrator shall take additional evidence and report its findings to the Court. The additional evidence is to be restricted to the "process of packing blanched oysters," according to the Court's order, which apparently refers to the newly-developed method of canning fresh oysters described by the petitioner. The Court's order provides that evidence at the hearing supporting the use of the new process may be presented only by the petitioner in this case, but it appears from the order that anyone may present evidence in opposition to the use of the new process.

FISHERIES

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE FISHERY PRODUCTS DIVISION

(The following was prepared as a progress report reviewing the activities of the Association's Fishery Products Division through the time of the Board of Directors' meeting in Washington May 27-28.)

The fishery activities of the National Canners Association were intensified at the beginning of 1945 when Miss Margaret Park was added to the staff. It was her principal function to collect and disseminate to the industry all information relating to fishery products, particularly information about Government regulations and wartime controls. In November, 1945, a special committee of the Board, after making a study of the committee structure within the Association, recommended the establishment of a standing committee on fishery products. It also recommended that in the election of Board members, fishery products processors be permitted to nominate their own candidates for election, through special area nominating committees. Also in November, 1945, a temporary committee of fish canners was appointed and made recommendations for the establishment of a fishery products division in the Association. The Board subsequently authorized the Secretary to employ someone to specialize in the handling of problems and activities of the fishery processors and to act as an advisor and assistant to the Secretary with respect to such problems.

In July, 1946, C. R. Carry returned to the staff of the Association after several years' service in the Office of Price Administration and was made Director of the Canned Fish and Seafood Services, the name of which was changed later to the Fishery Products Division. Miss Park continued as his assistant.

The staff of the Fishery Products Division now consists of Mr. Carry

and one secretary, Mrs. Julia Duffey. Miss Park resigned as of June 1. During 1945 and '46 the fishery activities of the Association followed the pattern of the Association's over-all activities; namely, advising the industry of Government controls and orders and representing the industry in negotiations with Government agencies to make wartime controls workable. The industry gradually has reverted to peacetime operation, and most of the activities during the past year have been concerned with problems of more permanent significance than those encountered during the war years.

Trade Agreements

There were indications as early as 1943 that the general international trade program of the Administration contemplated the reduction of import tariffs on fishery products. In 1945, it became apparent that efforts in this direction were being intensified, and in 1946 the Department of State announced that negotiations were to be undertaken with 18 nations to accomplish the formation of an international trade organization and also to accomplish a lowering of barriers to international trade, including the reduction of tariffs of many commodities, including canned fishery products.

Although the Board at its meeting in November, 1946, voted to take no definite stand on the question of reduction of import tariffs on canned foods, the staff was instructed to render every possible assistance to any branch of the industry wishing to take a position. Without exception, every branch of the fish canning industry voted to oppose any reduction in tariffs on fishery products. The staff of the Division assisted in the preparation of briefs for submission

to the Committee for Reciprocity Information and, when it became apparent that little consideration would be given to the position of the industry, the staff assisted in the preparation of statements to be presented to the House Ways and Means Committee when that Committee commenced an investigation of the trade agreements program. Subsequently the negotiations at Geneva were concluded and the results announced last December. Presumably, the efforts of the industry to prevent substantial reductions in import tariffs were successful, and tariffs were reduced on few items which compete directly with fishery products packed by members.

Food and Drug Administration

The Division, in cooperation with the Laboratory, has attempted to assist members in connection with the establishment of standards of identity, quality and fill of container for canned fishery products. Last July the Food and Drug Administration called hearings on proposals to establish standards of identity and fill of container on canned oysters and on proposals to amend the existing standard of fill of container on canned shrimp. The Division assisted actively in the preparation of testimony to be submitted at these hearings and has followed subsequent developments closely and advised the membership. The Division also has assisted the membership in negotiations with the Food and Drug Administration in connection with such problems as the proper labeling of fishery products.

Maine Sardine Investigation

During the spring of 1947, a serious problem affecting the quality of the sardines for canning developed which necessitated the closing down of the entire industry for a period of several months. The Division, in conjunction with the members of the Laboratory staff, made several trips to Maine to study the situation at first hand and participated in conferences between the industry, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Food and Drug Administration in an effort to provide means to permit the factories to resume operations. Largely as a result of these activities, the canners were enabled to devise a method of culling out the poor quality fish and to resume operations.

Convention Activities

In 1946, the Association inaugurated a special program for processors of fishery products. This program was at each of the two succeeding Conventions. The special activities at the Convention last January, for example, included showing of fishery motion pictures; a cutting of new, specialty and imported canned fishery products (regular pack items were not included); and a special program of speakers who discussed topics of in-

terest to fishery processors. The Division sponsored a luncheon at the 1947 Convention for the speakers, to which were invited the members of the Fishery Products Committee and fishery members of the Board, and five members of House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, including the Chairman, the late Congressman Fred Bradley.

Fishery Information Bulletin

The publication of a special weekly bulletin of topics of interest to canners of fishery products was commenced in March, 1946, and has been continued. That this bulletin is widely read by the fish canners is evidenced by comments received from them and also by frequent requests for further information about topics and Government bulletins mentioned. Requests for such material are received almost every week.

Association Membership

During 1947, 79 new members joined the Association. Of the 79, 25 were fish canners. Figures have not been compiled for the first four months of 1948.

International Affairs

The Division has followed closely international matters affecting the fisheries. Included in this category are the proposals of the Department of State with respect to a Japanese peace treaty. Likewise, the Division has participated in conferences with the industry and the State Department in California and the Gulf States, to discuss a proposed treaty with Mexico. The Division also has maintained close contact with the Fisheries Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and has informed the industry of the various proposals of that organization with respect to the formation of Regional Councils for the Study of the Sea and also the proposals to establish minimum standards of quality for fishery products.

Wages and Hours

In early October, 1947, a Subcommittee of the House Committee on Education and Labor conducted hearings on the administration of the Fair Labor Standards Act and proposed amendments. More recently, the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare conducted hearings on certain proposals to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act. The Division informed the fishery products membership of all proposals to amend or eliminate the exemption the fish industry now enjoys, Section 13(a)(5) of the Act.

Field Trips

Because first-hand information about the problems of the industry cannot be acquired by sitting behind a desk in Washington, it is considered necessary to visit each of the principal fish canning areas at least once a year. The

Director of the Division visited the sardine area in Maine three times in the past two years and visited the Gulf area twice in the past year in connection with the Mexican treaty mentioned above; he visited the fish canning areas in California and participated in conferences on the Mexican treaty in Southern California and the meeting of the Pacific Fisheries Conference in San Francisco last September, at which the question of reorganization of the State Department was discussed at length and which resulted in the campaign which recently was successful in obtaining from the Under Secretary of State a commitment that he would create the post of Special Assistant to himself to handle fisheries. Mr. Carry also visited the Columbia River and Seattle areas twice and spoke at the annual meetings of the Association of Pacific Fisheries on those occasions, reporting on the activities of the Association in Washington.

General

In addition to the foregoing major activities, the Division's day-to-day activities consist largely of handling problems of individual members or of

individual regional groups. During the period Congress is in session, legislative activity affecting the fisheries is reported to the industry.

The function of the Fishery Products Division is not only to keep the fish canner members informed of matters of interest only to them, but also to work with other Divisions on matters of interest to the membership generally. Consequently, it is not always possible to plan projects in advance or to point to completed actions as having been performed by the Fishery Products Division.

Fishery Products Committee Meetings

The Committee has held five meetings, four formal and one informal, since its formation as a regular standing committee. The most recent meeting was held on May 25 and 26. Such matters of interest to the industry as marketing orders, pending legislation, the "Hoover Commission" and reorganization of domestic governmental fisheries activities were considered and policy recommendations given to the staff. None of these recommendations required action by the Board.

PERSONNEL

Association Staff Changes

Eldon Shaw, Director of the Division of Statistics, and Walter H. McDonald, Assistant Director of Information and editor of the INFORMATION LETTER, left the Association as of June 1.

Mr. Shaw now is Assistant to the Director of the Fruit and Vegetable Branch of the Production and Marketing Administration, Department of Agriculture. He came to N.C.A. in the fall of 1944 following service in that Department.

Mr. McDonald has accepted a position with the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association. He also joined the Association staff in 1944 following service with the Agriculture Department.

Association Officers

Southern Tulare Olive Marketing Assn.

E. A. Reeves, general manager of the Southern Tulare Olive Marketing Association, Terra Bella, Calif., has reported the following appointments made at a recent Board of Directors' meeting:

Wilbur Larson, formerly with the Visalia Production Credit Association,

has been appointed office manager, and W. J. Trenholm, who has had many years of experience in national selling, has been appointed General Sales manager.

PMA and CCC Appointments

Appointments of Frank K. Woolley as Deputy Administrator of the Production and Marketing Administration and of Elmer F. Kruse as Assistant Administrator for Commodity Credit Corporation, effective immediately, were announced June 15 by Ralph S. Trigg, PMA Administrator.

Dr. Blanck Honored

Dr. Frederick C. Blanck, administrative fellow of the H. J. Heinz Co., fellowships at Mellon Institute, was honored by the Institute of Food Technologists at their annual convention last week in Philadelphia. Dr. Blanck was awarded the first Stephen M. Babcock award for outstanding contributions to food technology. The award includes \$1,000.

Dr. Blanck joined H. J. Heinz Co. in 1939 after serving as chemist in charge of the Food Research Division of the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Chemistry and Soils.

Invitations to Bid

QMC Offices—Quartermaster Corps, 111 East 16th Street, New York, N. Y.; Chicago Quartermaster Purchasing Office, 1819 West Pershing Road, Chicago 9, Ill.; Western Branch, Chicago Quartermaster Purchasing Office, Oakland Army Base, Oakland 14, Calif.

The Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act will apply to all operations performed after the date of notice of award if the total value of a contract is \$10,000 or over.

The Army has invited sealed bids to furnish the following:

CANNED SALMON (red)—2,336 dozen No. 1 or 4,820 dozen No. ½ cans. Bids due at Oakland under serial No. QM-04-493-48-172 by June 22.

EVAPORATED MILK—32,056 cases of 14½-oz. cans. Bids due at Chicago under serial No. 11-183-48-906 by June 21.

CANNED SWEETPOTATOES—800,000 dozen No. 2½, 1,220,800 dozen No. 2, or 1,288,800 dozen No. 3 squat cans. Bids due at Chicago under serial No. QM-11-183-48-916 by June 24. Bids will be accepted on canned sweetpotatoes produced from crop of 1946 or later.

CANNED PEAS—75,210 dozen No. 2 and 46,405 dozen No. 10, or 300,346 dozen No. 2 cans. Bids due at Chicago under serial No. QM11-183-48-869 by July 28, only on peas produced from 1948 crop.

CANNED CHERRIES (red sour)—30,863 dozen No. 10 and 41,094 dozen No. 2 cans. Bids due at Chicago under serial No. QM-11-183-48-880 by July 15.

CATSUP—53,340 dozen No. 10 cans and 106,515 dozen 14-oz. bottles. Bids due at Chicago under serial No. QM-11-183-48-875 by Aug. 17.

Price Support Legislation

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prices of "vegetables and fruits" be supported. He said: "I think we should agree that if this program were confined to wheat, corn and cotton—it might be said that they are basic commodities—but since we have added rice and since we have added tobacco, crops that are regionally important but perhaps not basic to our national economy, and since we have just retained peanuts, it seems to me that if we are going to have a fair and equitable program, we have to consider not merely those regions but all regions of our country which are concerned with agriculture."

The amendment was opposed by Representative Anton J. Johnson (Ill.), who asserted that "it is not practicable to include perishables,"

and argued further that tomatoes for canning, for example, are contracted for in advance and that a farmer can grow other crops.

The amendment to include "citrus and dried fruits and raisins" was proposed by Representative Bertrand Gearhart (Calif.), who stated that without such support, "the market for fresh and canned fruits will be glutted, this to the disaster of the entire tree-fruit industry, dried, fresh and preserved."

Chairman Clifford Hope (Kans.) of the House Committee on Agriculture argued against both proposals, and promised that the subject would be considered as a feature of the long-range farm program. Representative Willis Bradley (Calif.) also spoke in behalf of citrus, and expressed the hope that citrus problems would receive early consideration in connection with long-range agricultural plans.

CONGRESS

Pepper Marketing Orders Bill

The Pepper bill, S. 2173, which would authorize the issuance of marketing orders for citrus for canning, came up in its turn on the call of the Calendar in the Senate on June 15, but its consideration under the Senate's unanimous consent agreement was blocked, and the bill was passed over. S. 2173 remains on the Senate Calendar, and will be subject to consideration when reached on succeeding calls of the Calendar. A Calendar call was scheduled for late yesterday.

Seizure Bill

The Senate on June 15 passed and sent to the House H. R. 4071, the seizure bill, but the House would not agree to the Senate amendments. Conference were appointed on June 16.

Federal Meat Inspection Service

The Department of Agriculture appropriations bill, H. R. 5883, sent to the President on June 15, includes \$11,500,000 to cover the cost of the Federal Meat Inspection Service.

Long-Range Legislation

The Senate passed the Aiken long-range agriculture bill, S. 2318, Thursday night, June 17, after two days of debate and the adoption of extensive amendments. Among them was special language to direct price support operations covering perishable commodities

under certain conditions when funds are available.

Senator Russell (Ga.) was defeated in an effort to substitute the House-passed price support bill. Instead, by a technical manipulation of bill numbers, the Senate substituted the Aiken measure for the price support bill, H. R. 6248, on which action is reported on page 237 of this issue. Thus, the two proposals are subject to Conference Committee consideration and bear the House bill number.

Farm Placement Bill

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ernment in full. The measure was considered in the Senate by the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, and was reported by Chairman Taft. In the House, consideration was by the Committee on Agriculture. Because of a minor amendment recommended by the House Committee, the bill must receive Senate concurrence before the proposed \$2,500,000 fund may be appropriated.

SUPPLIES

World Sugar Production Rises

The world's 1947-48 sugar production is estimated at 34,147,000 short tons by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This is 10 percent more than the 31,150,000 tons produced in 1946-47, but 2 percent less than the 5-year (1935-39) average of 34,710,000 tons. The figures include beet and cane sugar.

Major increases in sugar production in the United States, Cuba, the Soviet Union, India, Formosa, Java and the Philippines more than offset a decrease in Europe compared with the year before caused by a late planting season and a dry summer.

The world's beet sugar output in 1947-48 showed further recovery from the wartime low levels, reaching a total of 9,179,000 short tons (raw value), compared with 8,266,000 tons (revised) in 1946-47, and with a prewar (1935-39) average of 12,025,000 tons. There also was further expansion in 1947-48 of cane sugar production. The world's cane sugar crop, reaching a record high of 24,968,000 short tons, was 9 percent above the previous year, and 10 percent above prewar. India and Cuba, the major producers, exceeded their previous records because of increased plantings and favorable growing conditions.

MEETINGS

Northwest Cannery to Meet

The 1949 annual meeting of the Northwest Cannery Association will be held at the Olympic Hotel, Seattle, Wash., January 6 and 7, 1949, according to C. R. Tulley, Executive Vice President of that Association.

Ohio Cannery Association

The annual meeting of the Ohio Cannery Association will be held at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, on December 14 and 15, 1948, Roy Irons, Secretary-Treasurer of that Association has advised N.C.A.

Kraut Packers Meeting

President John M. Stroup this week announced that the annual meeting of the National Kraut Packers Association will be held on July 14 and 15, at the Hotel Reiger, Sandusky, Ohio.

The first day's session of the kraut packers meeting will be devoted to the golf tournament and to the NPKA banquet, which will be held that night.

Forthcoming Meetings

June 20-26—National Association of Retail Grocers, Annual Convention, Atlantic City, N. J.

June 21-24—American Home Economics Association, 39th Annual Meeting, Minneapolis Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minn.

July 12-14—Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., Midyear Meeting, The Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

July 13—Tri-State Packers Association, Summer Social Meeting, Talbot Country Club, Easton, Md.

July 14-15—The National Kraut Packers Association, Annual Meeting, Hotel Reiger, Sandusky, Ohio.

July 14-23—Indiana Cannery Association, Mold Count School, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

July 16—Pineapple Growers Association of Hawaii and Pineapple Research Institute of Hawaii, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Calif., and Honolulu, T. H., respectively.

July 28-August 6—Association of New York State Cannery, Inc., Mold Count School, Geneva Experiment Station, Geneva, N. Y.

August 8-12—Vegetable Growers of America, 40th Annual Convention, Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md.

August 18-21—National Food Distributors Association, Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

September 20-22—American Meat Institute, Annual Convention, Waldorf-Astoria, New York, N. Y.

October 5-7—Industrial Packaging Engineers Association, 3rd Annual Industrial Packaging and Materials Handling Exhibition, Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

October 14-16—Florida Cannery Association, 17th Annual Meeting, Sorreno Hotel, St. Petersburg, Fla.

October 21-23—Texas Cannery Association, Annual Convention, Gran Hotel Ancira, Monterrey, Mexico

November 4-5—Ozark Cannery Association, Fall Meeting, Colonial Hotel, Springfield, Mo.

November 8-9—Wisconsin Cannery Association, Annual Convention, Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wis.

November 10-12—National Cannery Association, Board of Directors and Administrative Council, Fall Meeting, Palmer House, Chicago, Ill.

November 15-16—Illinois Cannery Association, Fall Meeting, Chicago, Ill.

November 15-17—Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., Annual Meeting, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, N. Y.

November 18-19—Indiana Cannery Association, Fall Convention, Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.

November 22-23—Iowa-Nebraska Cannery Association, Annual Convention, Hotel Savery, Des Moines, Iowa

November 22-23—Tri-State Packers Association, Fall Convention, Hotel Traymore, Atlantic City, N. J.

November 30-December 1—Pennsylvania Cannery Association, 34th Annual Convention, Penn-Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, Pa.

December 6-8—New Jersey State Horticultural Society, Annual Meeting, Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

December 10—Michigan Cannery Association, Winter Meeting, Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Mich.

December 14-15—Ohio Cannery Association, Annual Meeting, Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

January 6-7—Northwest Cannery Association, 1949 Annual Meeting, Olympic Hotel, Seattle, Wash.

February 9-11—Ozark Cannery Association, 41st Annual Convention, Colonial Hotel, Springfield, Mo.

March 6—National Association of Frozen Food Packers, Annual Meeting, Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

March 9-11—Cannery League of California, Annual Convention, Casa del Rey Hotel, Santa Cruz, Calif.

May 29-June 3—U. S. Wholesale Grocers Association, Annual Convention, St. Louis, Mo.

RAW PRODUCTS

Tomato Transplanters To Be Demonstrated July 28

The Association's Raw Products Committee will be represented at a demonstration of equipment for transplanting tomato plants, to be held July 28 at the Riverton, N. J., Agricultural Research Farm of the Campbell Soup Co.

The demonstration has been arranged because many cannery and growers believe that satisfactory modern equipment for transplanting tomato plants is not available at the present time, and that in some instances improvised equipment, capable of more general application is being used.

Engineers of interested machinery companies and experiment stations have been invited. Dr. Jackson B. Hester, Soil Technologist for the Campbell Soup Co., also has invited cannery and others who are interested to attend.

DEATHS

Death Takes C. H. Tiedemann

C. H. Tiedemann, vice president of the Huntley Manufacturing Co., died at his home in Westfield, N. Y., June 13, after a two-year illness.

Mr. Tiedemann was well known to all the cannery of the state of New York, as through his connection with the Huntley Manufacturing Co. he had been calling upon that trade for many years.

He is survived by his wife, a son and two grandchildren.

Edward Salter Dies

Edward Salter, 67, president of the Salter Canning Co., North Rose, N. Y., died suddenly at his home in North Rose on June 9.

Mr. Salter had been in the processing industry all of his adult life, and became president of the Salter Canning Company at its beginning in 1912. He was active in the affairs of the Association of New York State Cannery, having served as president in 1928. Mr. Salter is survived by his wife Myrta and his son, Leon.

STATISTICS

Apples, Applesauce Stocks

June 1, 1948 canner stocks of canned apples and applesauce with comparisons, as reported by the Association's Division of Statistics, are shown below. The stocks for Washington and Oregon included in "Other States" were compiled by the Northwest Canners Association.

State	Stocks of Canned Apples	
	Total stocks April 1, 1948	Total stocks June 1, 1948
—Actual cases—		
New York.....	445,809	235,253
Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia.....	742,340	532,100
Other States.....	319,262	239,988
Total U. S.....	1,507,411	1,027,350

Stocks and Shipments Canned Applesauce

States	—Total Stocks—		Ship- ments Apr. 1- June 1
	Apr. 1 1948	June 1, 1948	
—Actual cases—			
New York.....	1,125,485	650,826	474,659
Maryland, Pennsylv- ania and Virginia.....	2,044,444	1,776,999	267,443
Other States.....	275,478	151,902	123,576
Total U. S.....	3,445,407	2,579,727	865,680

FOREIGN TRADE

New Import Tariff Rate Book

A compilation of import duties of the United States in effect as of June 15, 1948, which was prepared jointly by the Tariff Commission and the Bureau of Customs, soon will be available from the Government Printing Office at \$2 a copy. The document, entitled *United States Import Duties (1948)*, also contains a list of products subject to import taxes under the Internal Revenue Code.

Tariff Reductions Announced For Union of South Africa

The President on June 12 issued a proclamation putting into effect, as of June 14, the concessions in the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade initially negotiated with the Union of South Africa at Geneva last October.

Under the agreement, the Union of South Africa grants concessions on products of interest to the United

States representing approximately \$32.5 millions in terms of 1939 trade. Concessions made by the United States apply to commodities which represented approximately \$23.5 millions in terms of 1939 trade.

The Union of South Africa's old and new tariff rates on commodities of principal interest to canners are as follows:

Commodity	Old Rate	New Rate
Canned vegetables.....	20% ad val.	No change
Canned asparagus.....	20% ad val.	15%
Canned mushrooms.....	20% ad val.	Free
Canned or bottled fruits.....	2½¢d. per lb.	(*)
Glace cherries.....	—	1d. per lb.
Canned meats.....	1½¢d. per lb.	No change
Canned fish.....	3d. per lb.	No change

(*) 2d. per lb. or 30% ad val., whichever is greater.

History of Canning Available

The Washington Research Laboratory has available a number of copies of a publication entitled *Historic Tinned Foods*, a history of food processing, which was issued in 1939 by the International Tin Research and Development Council, Middlesex, England. Each Association member received a copy in 1939. A limited number of copies is available on request.

USDA Urges Home Canning in Food Preservation Drive

Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan has announced the designation of the week of July 19 to 24 as National Home Food Preservation Week.

A program of food preservation, whether done at home or in a community canning center, offers the homemaker an opportunity to provide better nutrition to her family, especially to increase consumption of vitamin-rich fruits and vegetables, and, at the same time, to help to reduce living costs and combat inflation, according to a USDA announcement, which added:

"The special week has been designated to emphasize the importance to homemakers of planning now to take advantage of the supplies of the various home and commercially produced fruits and vegetables that will be available in seasonal abundance throughout the summer and fall months. Foods in excess of current consumption needs thus may be saved for use next winter by the family itself as well as for use in the local school lunch programs and by charitable institutions."

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